

## FACT SHEET

as required by LAC 33:IX.3111 for major LPDES facilities, for draft **Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. LA0020541; AI 42881; PER20070001** to discharge to waters of the State of Louisiana as per LAC 33:IX.2311.

The permitting authority for the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) is:

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality  
Office of Environmental Services  
P. O. Box 4313  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

- I. THE APPLICANT IS:** City of Port Allen  
Port Allen Wastewater Treatment Plant  
750 North Jefferson Avenue  
Port Allen, Louisiana 70767
- II. PREPARED BY:** Todd Franklin
- DATE PREPARED:** November 27, 2007
- III. PERMIT ACTION:** reissue LPDES permit LA0020541, AI 42881; PER20070001
- LPDES application received: August 27, 2007
- EPA has not retained enforcement authority.
- Previous LPDES permit effective: July 1, 2002  
Previous LPDES permit modified: July 1, 2004  
Previous LPDES permit expired: June 30, 2007

**IV. FACILITY INFORMATION:**

- A. The application is for the discharge of treated sanitary wastewater from a publicly owned treatment works serving the City of Port Allen
- B. The permit application does not indicate the receipt of industrial wastewater.
- C. The facility is located on South 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish.
- D. The treatment facility consists of influent pump station, headworks (screening and grit removal), two aeration basins, two final clarifiers, chlorine disinfection, aerobic digestion, and solids handling.
- E. Outfall 001
- Discharge Location: Latitude 30° 27' 21" North  
Longitude 91° 12' 5" West
- Description: treated sanitary wastewater
- Design Capacity: 1 MGD
- Type of Flow Measurement which the facility is currently using: Continuous Recorder

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**V. RECEIVING WATERS:**

The discharge is into the Mississippi River in Subsegment 070301 of the Mississippi River Basin. This segment is not listed on the 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies.

The **critical low flow** (7Q10) of the Mississippi River is 141,955 cfs.

The **hardness value** is 151.5 mg/l and the **fifteenth percentile value for TSS** is 42 mg/l.

The designated uses and degree of support for Subsegment 070301 of the Mississippi River Basin are as indicated in the table below<sup>1/</sup>:

Overall Degree of Support for Segment	Degree of Support of Each Use						
	Primary Contact Recreation	Secondary Contact Recreation	Propagation of Fish & Wildlife	Outstanding Natural Resource Water	Drinking Water Supply	Shell fish Propagation	Agriculture
Full	Full	Full	Full	N/A	Full	N/A	N/A

<sup>1/</sup> The designated uses and degree of support for Subsegment 070301 of the Mississippi River Basin are as indicated in LAC 33:IX.1123.C.3, Table (3) and the 2004 Water Quality Management Plan, Water Quality Inventory Integrated Report, Appendix A, respectively.

**VI. ENDANGERED SPECIES:**

The receiving waterbody, Subsegment 070301 of the Mississippi River Basin, is listed in Section II.2 of the Implementation Strategy as requiring consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) as habitat for the Pallid Sturgeon, which is listed as an endangered species. Since effluent limitations are established in the permit to ensure protection of aquatic life and maintenance of the receiving water as aquatic habitat, LDEQ has determined that the issuance of this LPDES permit is not likely to adversely affect the Pallid sturgeon or its aquatic habitats. As instructed by the FWS in a letter dated October 24, 2007, from Boggs (FWS) to Brown (LDEQ), this fact sheet has been sent to the FWS for review and consultation.

**VII. HISTORIC SITES:**

The discharge is from an existing facility location, which does not include an expansion beyond the existing perimeter. Therefore, there should be no potential effect to sites or properties on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and in accordance with the 'Memorandum of Understanding for the Protection of Historic Properties in Louisiana Regarding LPDES Permits' no consultation with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer is required.

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**VIII.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Upon publication of the public notice, a public comment period shall begin on the date of publication and last for at least 30 days thereafter. During this period, any interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit modification and may request a public hearing to clarify issues involved in the permit decision at this Office's address on the first page of the statement of basis. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing.

Public notice published in:

Local newspaper of general circulation

Office of Environmental Services Public Notice Mailing List

For additional information, contact:

Mr. Todd Franklin  
Permits Division  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Office of Environmental Services  
P. O. Box 4313  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

**IX.**

**PROPOSED PERMIT LIMITS:**

Subsegment 070301, Mississippi River-from Monte Sano Bayou to Head of Passes, is not listed on LDEQ's Final 2004 303(d) List as impaired, and to date no TMDL's have been established. A reopener clause will be established in the permit to allow for the requirement of more stringent effluent limitations and requirements as imposed by any future TMDLs.

As per LAC 33:IX.2707L.2.a.ii, availability of information which was not available at the time of previous permit issuance and will justify the application of less stringent effluent limitations in the proposed permit constitutes an exception to LAC 33:IX.2707.L.1, which states when a permit is renewed or reissued standards or conditions must be at least as stringent as the final limitations, standards, or conditions in the previous permit. In the previous permit, this treatment facility was required to meet a maximum limitation of less than 0.1mg/l TRC. A water quality screen was performed using data from the application and from DMRs from May 2005 through July 2007. The screen did not indicate a need for a limitation for TRC. Therefore, the limitation for TRC has been removed from this permit. See Appendix B-1 for more information.

The previous permit also contained reporting requirements for Phosphorous and TKN. These reporting requirements were for informational gathering purposes because the receiving waterbody was listed as impaired for phosphorous and nitrogen. However, since the issuance of the previous permit, the receiving waterbody has been designated as fully supporting of its designated uses and therefore is not considered impaired. Therefore, the reporting requirement for both parameters has been removed from the permit.

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**Final Effluent Limits:****OUTFALL 001**

Final limits shall become effective on the effective date of the permit and expire on the expiration date of the permit.

Effluent Characteristic	Monthly Avg. (lbs./day)	Monthly Avg.	Weekly Avg.	Basis
BOD <sub>5</sub>	250	30 mg/l	45 mg/l	Limits are set in accordance with the Statewide Sanitary Effluent Limitations Policy (SSELP) for facilities of this treatment type and size which discharge into the Mississippi River.
TSS	250	30 mg/l	45 mg/l	

**Other Effluent Limitations:****1) Fecal Coliform**

The discharge from this facility is into a water body which has a designated use of Primary Contact Recreation. According to LAC 33:IX.1113.C.5.a, the fecal coliform standards for this water body are 200/100 ml and 400/100 ml. Therefore, the limits of 200/100 ml (Monthly Average) and 400/100 ml (Weekly Average) are proposed as Fecal Coliform limits in the permit. These limits are being proposed through Best Professional Judgement in order to ensure that the water body standards are not exceeded, and due to the fact that existing facilities have demonstrated an ability to comply with these limitations using present available technology.

**2) pH**

According to LAC 33:IX.3705.A.1., POTW's must treat to at least secondary levels. Therefore, in accordance with LAC 33:IX.5905.C, the pH shall not be less than 6.0 standard units nor greater than 9.0 standard units at any time.

**3) Solids and Foam**

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts in accordance with LAC 33:IX.1113.B.7.

**4) Toxicity Characteristics**

In accordance with EPA's Region 6 Post-Third Round Toxics Strategy, permits issued to treatment works treating domestic wastewater with a flow (design or expected) greater than or equal to 1 MGD shall require biomonitoring at some frequency for the life of the permit or where available data show reasonable potential to cause lethality, the permit shall require a whole effluent toxicity (WET) limit (*Permitting Guidance Document for Implementing Louisiana Surface Water Quality Standards*,

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Whole effluent biomonitoring is the most direct measure of potential toxicity which incorporates the effects of synergism of the effluent components and receiving stream water quality characteristics. Biomonitoring of the effluent is, therefore, required as a condition of this permit to assess potential toxicity. LAC 33:IX.1121.B.3. provides for the use of biomonitoring to monitor the effluent for protection of State waters. The biomonitoring procedures stipulated as a condition of this permit are as follows:

The permittee shall submit the results of any biomonitoring testings performed in accordance with the LPDES Permit No. LA0020541, **Biomonitoring Section** for the organisms indicated below.

TOXICITY TESTSFREQUENCY

48 Hour Definitive Toxicity Test  
using Daphnia pulex

1/year

48 Hour Definitive Toxicity Test  
using fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas)

1/year

Dilution Series - The permit requires five (5) dilutions in addition to the control (0% effluent) to be used in the toxicity tests. These additional concentrations shall be 0.014%, 0.18%, 0.025%, 0.033%, and 0.044%. The biomonitoring critical dilution is defined as 0.033% effluent. The critical dilution is calculated in Appendix B-1 of this fact sheet. According to the Implementation of State Standards, acute toxicity testing in addition to, or in lieu of, chronic toxicity testing may be imposed for discharges that have a critical dilution of five percent (5%) or less. An acute to chronic ratio has been applied in the calculations. Results of all dilutions shall be documented in a full report according to the test method publication mentioned in the **Biomonitoring Section** under Whole Effluent Toxicity. This full report shall be submitted to the Office of Environmental Compliance as contained in the Reporting Paragraph located in the **Biomonitoring Section** of the permit.

The permit may be reopened to require effluent limits, additional testing, and/or other appropriate actions to address toxicity if biomonitoring data show actual or potential ambient toxicity to be the result of the permittee's discharge to the receiving stream or water body. Modification or revocation of the permit is subject to the provisions of LAC 33:IX.2383. Accelerated or intensified toxicity testing may be required in accordance with Section 308 of the Clean Water Act.

**5) Toxic Substances**

Due to drinking water supply being a designated use, the permittee shall analyze the final effluent for the presence of the following toxic substances. The MQL is intended as action levels. Should a toxic substance exceed the MQL, the permittee shall determine the source of the substance and take whatever measures necessary to secure abatement in order to protect all drinking water sources downstream of the discharge. Records of any actions taken shall be made available upon request by any duly authorized regional inspectors and/or LDEQ Headquarter representatives.

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A report containing the results of the lab analysis indicating if any toxic substances have exceeded the MQL including a brief summary of any abatement taken at the time, must be submitted to this Office within 20 days of completion of the analysis. **The first analysis shall be performed within one year following the effective date of the permit, and every year thereafter, by a 24-hour composite sample type.**

Reports must be submitted to the following address:

Department of Environmental Quality  
Office of Environmental Compliance  
**Enforcement Division**  
Post Office Box 4312  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4312

#### TOXIC SUBSTANCES

TOXIC SUBSTANCES (CAS NO.)	Required MQL (µg/l)
<b>VOLATILE ORGANIC CHEMICALS</b>	
Acrolein (107-02-8)	50
acrylonitrile (107-13-1)	50
benzene (71-43-2)	10
bromodichloromethane (dichlorobromomethane) (75-27-4)	10
bromoform (tribromomethane) (75-25-2)	10
carbon tetrachloride (56-23-5)	10
chlorobenzene (108-90-7)	10
chloroform (trichloromethane)	10
chloromethane (methyl chloride) (74-87-3)	50
1,1-dichloroethane (75-34-3)	10
1,2-dichloroethane (107-06-2)	10
1,1-dichloroethylene (75-35-4)	10
dichloromethane (methylene chloride) (75-09-2)	20
cis-1,3-dichloropropene	10
trans-1,3-dichloropropene	10
ethylbenzene (100-41-4)	10
para-dichlorobenzene	---
1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane (79-34-5)	10
tetrachloroethylene (127-18-4)	10
toluene (108-88-3)	10
1,1,1-trichloroethane (71-55-6)	10
1,1,2-trichloroethane (79-00-5)	10
trichloroethylene (79-01-6)	10
vinyl chloride (chloroethylene) (75-01-4)	10

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<b>ACID EXTRACTABLE ORGANIC CHEMICALS</b>	
2-chlorophenol (95-57-8)	10
3-chlorophenol	10
4-chlorophenol	10
2,4-dichlorophenol (120-83-2)	10
2,3-dichlorophenol	10
2,5-dichlorophenol	10
2,6-dichlorophenol	10
3,4-dichlorophenol	10
2,4-dinitrophenol (51-28-5)	50
pentachlorophenol (87-86-5)	50
phenol (108-95-2)	10
2,4,6-trichlorophenol (88-06-2)	10
<b>BASE/NEUTRAL EXTRACTABLE ORGANIC CHEMICALS</b>	
anthracene (120-12-7)	10
benzidine (92-87-5)	50
bis(2-chloroethyl)ether (111-44-4)	10
bis(2-chloro-1-methylethyl)ether (39638-32-9)	10
bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (117-81-7)	10
di-n-butyl phthalate (84-74-3)	10
1,3-dichlorobenzene (541-73-1)	10
1,2-dichlorobenzene (95-50-1)	10
1,4-dichlorobenzene (106-46-7)	10
3,3-dichlorobenzidine (91-94-1)	50
diethyl phthalate (84-66-2)	10
dimethyl phthalate (131-11-3)	10
2,4-dinitrotoluene (121-14-2)	10
1,2-diphenylhydrazine (122-66-7)	20
fluoranthene (206-44-0)	10
hexachlorobenzene (118-07-1)	10
hexachlorobutadiene (87-68-3)	10
hexachlorocyclopentadiene (77-47-4)	10
hexachloroethane (67-72-1)	20
isophorone (78-59-1)	10
nitrobenzene (98-95-3)	10
N-nitrosodimethylamine (62-75-9)	50
N-nitrosodiphenylamine (86-30-6)	20
<b>PESTICIDES &amp; PCBs</b>	
aldrin (309-00-2)	0.05

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PCB's (Total)	1.0
gamma-BHC (Lindane, Hexachlorocyclohexane) (58-89-9)	0.05
chlordane (57-74-9)	0.2
4,4"DDD (TDE) (72-54-8)	0.1
4,4"DDE (72-55-9)	0.1
4,4"DDT (50-29-3)	0.1
Dieldrin (60-57-1)	0.1
endosulfan I (alpha) (115-29-7)	0.1
endosulfan II (beta) (115-29-7)	0.1
endrin (72-20-8)	0.1
heptachlor (76-44-8)	0.05
methoxychlor	
2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (1764-01-6)	---
toxaphene (8001-35-2)	5.0
2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) (94-75-7)	10
2-(2,4,5-trichlorophenoxy)propionic acid	4
<b>METALS</b>	
antimony (7440-36-0)	60
arsenic (7440-38-2)	10
barium	
beryllium (7440-41-7)	5
cadmium (7440-43-9)	1
chromium III (16065-83-1)	10
chromium VI (7440-47-3)	10
copper (7550-50-8)	10
lead (7439-92-1)	5
fluoride	
mercury (7439-97-6)	0.2
nickel (7440-02-0)	40
nitrate (as N)	
selenium (7782-49-2)	5
silver (7440-22-4)	2
thallium (7440-28-0)	10
zinc (7440-66-6)	20
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	



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cyanide	20
total phenols	5

**X. PREVIOUS PERMITS:**

LPDES Permit No. LA0020541: Effective: July 1, 2002

Expired: June 30, 2007

<u>Effluent Characteristic</u>	<u>Discharge Limitations</u>		<u>Monitoring Requirements</u>	
	<u>Monthly Avg.</u>	<u>Weekly Avg.</u>	<u>Measurement Frequency</u>	<u>Sample Type</u>
Flow	Report	Report	Continuous	Recorder
BOD <sub>5</sub>	250 lb/day / 30 mg/l	45 mg/l	2/week	6 Hour Composite
TSS	250 lb/day / 30 mg/l	45 mg/l	2/week	6 Hour Composite
Toxic Substances	---	---	1/year	24 Hour Composite
Phosphorous	Report mg/l	Report mg/l	1/quarter	Grab
TKN	Report mg/l	Report mg/l	1/quarter	Grab
TRC	less than 0.1 mg/l at any one time		2/week	Grab
Fecal Coliform				
Colonies/100 ml	200	400	2/week	Grab
pH	Range (6.0 su – 9.0 su)		2/week	Grab
Biomonitoring				
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	Report	Report	1/year	24 Hour Comp.
<i>Daphnia pulex</i>	Report	Report	1/year	24 Hour Comp.

The permit contains biomonitoring.

The permit contains pollution prevention language.

The permit contains pretreatment language.

**XI. ENFORCEMENT AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIONS:****A) Inspections**

A review of the files indicates the following most recent inspections performed for this facility.

Date – July 19, 2005

Inspector – Robert Gillett, LDEQ

Findings and/or Violations –

- The facility is a waste water treatment plant for the City of Port Allen.
- The facility's permit and DMRs were on site and appeared to be in order. A review revealed no reported exceedances.
- Visually, there appeared to be no apparent violations.
- The receiving water looked good. There was no smell, no oily sheen, and no solids present.

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Date – September 25, 2006

Inspector – Robert Gillett, LDEQ

Findings and/or Violations –

- The facility is a waste water treatment plant for the City of Port Allen.
- The facility's permit and DMRs were on site and appeared to be in order. A review revealed one reported exceedance.
- Visually, there appeared to be no apparent violations.
- A fecal coliform sample was collected. The sample came back 4 cfu/100 ml.
- The receiving water looked good. There was no smell, no oily sheen, and no solids present.

**B) Compliance and/or Administrative Orders**

A review of the files indicates that no recent enforcement actions have been administered against this facility.

**C) DMR Review**

A review of the discharge monitoring reports for the period beginning May 2005 through July 2007 has revealed the following violations:

Parameter	Outfall	Period of Excursion	Permit Limit	Reported Quantity
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Weekly Avg.	002	January 2007	45 mg/l	60.50 mg/l
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Weekly Avg.	002	February 2007	45 mg/l	154.00 mg/l
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Monthly Avg.	002	March 2007	250 lbs/day	435.57 lbs/day
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Monthly Avg.	002	March 2007	30 mg/l	71.94 mg/l
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Weekly Avg.	002	March 2007	45 mg/l	195.55 mg/l

**XII.**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

LDEQ reserves the right to impose more stringent discharge limitations and/or additional restrictions in the future. Additional limitations and/or restrictions are based upon water quality studies and can indicate the need for advanced wastewater treatment. Water quality studies of similar dischargers and receiving water bodies have resulted in monthly average effluent limitations of 5mg/L CBOD<sub>5</sub> and 2 mg/L NH<sub>3</sub>-N. Prior to upgrading or expanding this facility, the permittee should contact LDEQ to determine the status of the work being done to establish future effluent limitations and additional permit conditions.

The nearest drinking water intake, People's Water Company, is located at 175.5 M.A.H.P. downstream from the discharge point(s). Nearby potable water industrial intake include Dow Chemical Company, located at 209.9 M.A.H.P.

Final effluent loadings (i.e. lbs/day) have been established based upon the permit limit concentrations and the design capacity of 1 MGD.

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Effluent loadings are calculated using the following example:

BOD<sub>5</sub>: 8.34 gal/lb x 1 MGD x 30 mg/l = 250 lbs/day

At present, the Monitoring Requirements, Sample Types, and Frequency of Sampling as shown in the permit are standard for facilities of flows between 1 MGD and 5 MGD.

<u>Effluent Characteristics</u>		<u>Monitoring Requirements</u>	
		<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Sample</u>
		<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Type</u>
Flow		Continuous	Recorder
BOD <sub>5</sub>		2/week	6 Hr. Composite
Total Suspended Solids		2/week	6 Hr. Composite
Fecal Coliform Bacteria		2/week	Grab
pH		2/week	Grab
Biomonitoring	<u>Daphnia pulex</u>	1/year	24 Hr. Composite
	<u>Pimephales promelas</u>	1/year	24 Hr. Composite
Toxic Substances		1/year	24 Hr. Composite

**Pretreatment Requirements**

Based upon consultation with LDEQ pretreatment personnel, general pretreatment language will be used due to the lack of either an approved or required pretreatment program. (See attached Pretreatment Evaluation and Recommendation)

**Pollution Prevention Requirements**

The permittee shall institute or continue programs directed towards pollution prevention. The permittee shall institute or continue programs to improve the operating efficiency and extend the useful life of the facility. The permittee will complete an annual Environmental Audit Report each year for the life of this permit according to the schedule below. The permittee will accomplish this requirement by completing an Environmental Audit Form which has been attached to the permit. All other requirements of the Municipal Wastewater Pollution Prevention Program are contained in Part II of the permit.

The audit evaluation period is as follows:

<b>Audit Period Begins</b>	<b>Audit Period Ends</b>	<b>Audit Report Completion Date</b>
Effective Date of Permit	12 Months from Audit Period Beginning Date	3 Months from Audit Period Ending Date

**Stormwater Discharges**

Because the design flow of the Port Allen Wastewater Treatment Plan is equal to or greater than 1.0 MGD and in accordance with LAC 33:IX.2511.B.14.i, the facility may contain storm water discharges

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associated with industrial activity. Therefore, in accordance with LAC 33:IX.2511.A.1.b, specific requirements addressing stormwater discharges will be included in the discharge permit.

### **XIII TENTATIVE DETERMINATION:**

On the basis of preliminary staff review, the Department of Environmental Quality has made a tentative determination to reissue a permit for the discharge described in this Statement of Basis.

### **XIV REFERENCES:**

Louisiana Water Quality Management Plan / Continuing Planning Process, Vol. 8, "Wasteload Allocations / Total Maximum Daily Loads and Effluent Limitations Policy," Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 2005.

Louisiana Water Quality Management Plan / Continuing Planning Process, Vol. 5, "Water Quality Inventory Section 305(b) Report," Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 1998.

Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 33 - Environmental Quality, Part IX - Water Quality Regulations, Chapter 11 - "Louisiana Surface Water Quality Standards", Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 2004.

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LPDES Permit Application to Discharge Wastewater, City of Port Allen, Port Allen Wastewater Treatment Plant, August 27, 2007.